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MUCH of life consists of looking ahead. On pages 132 and 133 are shown the Toc H Women's Association Christmas Cards for 1962—and Christmas is still weeks away. If you want publicity, you must think ahead; if you invite friends to dinner, it must be *before* you have cooked your goose . . .

Always looking forward. . . . It is only when men and women are *always* looking backwards that you know they are old, old in spirit and weak in the joy of life and in meeting its demands. And some of the people who have looked at life as if it is still opening up for them—and who have helped it to open up for me—have been well in their seventies. I have noticed this since I was in my teens; I notice it still. And I notice, too, that there are exceptional young people who can, suddenly, open another new shaft of understanding for me.

One of the things in which I seem to believe consistently is the importance of communication. This, of course, is an occupational belief—with all its hazards. It is also, personally, a useful one. I *want* to understand. I can't, of course, understand about Telstar; I can't, of course, understand the meaning of electricity, of scent, of colour, of many things, but I go on having a shot at listening to people who do understand things. In this way, I have never been bored with life—often frightened, amused, amazed, disconcerted (sometimes laughably!) but never bored.

Boredom, I think, is next-door to despair. I believe it is what drives too many people, not to drink—which might give them at least some temporary pleasure!—but to such things as strikes and shut minds which do not want to look at anything new, but to keep on repeating a *slogan*, often something to do with "fair" or "unfair" . . .

I never believe in what I call cigarette-card religion: a slogan-bolstered way of life which explains everything too easily for anyone to put in much thought about what they mean, what they are doing, what they believe and what they can contribute.

Life is not easy. Life is not a paper pattern, thank goodness!

You might be bored if it were.

Swallowed whole, nobody else's philosophy will do more than give you indigestion: thought over, some piece of it may fit helpfully into the jig-saw of your own. These are the private relations which can show you how helpful public relations can be!

Editor: BARBARA VISE

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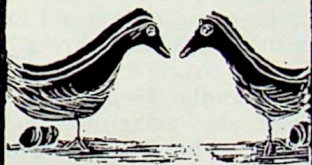
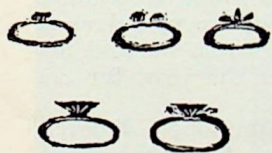
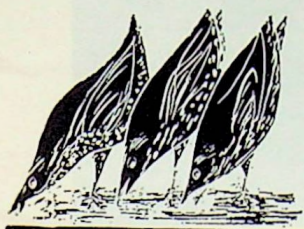
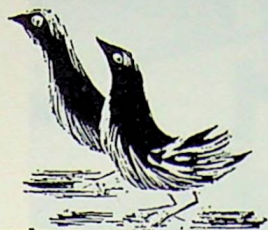
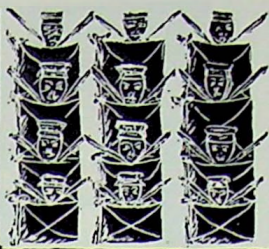
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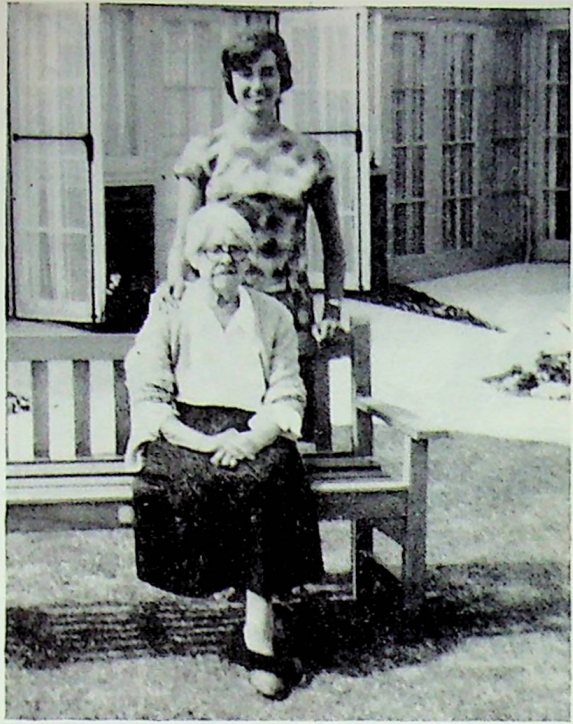
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GREETINGS

CHRISTMAS CARDS from Toc H Women's Association for 1962 are shown, full-size in design, on these two pages. All Hallows, by Christina Lee, cost 6d. each or 5/6 a dozen, postage extra, and are in black, blue and white. The Twelve Days of Christmas black-and-white design, by Joanna Simmons and Anna Cox—from Lady Margaret School, London—cost the same and both cards may be obtained from Toc H Women's Association, Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3.





A Holiday for **TWO**

ONE of the members of A.V.O. (East Ham), the young group who meet monthly on Saturdays for a fish and chip lunch before going out on their jobs of service, has just spent a week of her annual leave taking the 84-year-old lady whom she and her twin sister have visited regularly throughout the year, for her first real holiday for some time.

They went to Duncombe House in Birchington, a Holiday Home for rheumatic and arthritic sufferers. The photograph shows Mavis Sawdy (who has been working at Headquarters for the past year) with Mrs. Legg in the grounds of the House.

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GOOD JOB !

I am enclosing, writes the Branch Chairman, a snapshot of some of Wealdstone Branch members helping at an Old People's Lunch Club in the Harrow area. We have now been on this corporate job for seven years and the club is greatly appreciated. We were also responsible, with Harrow Branch, for the catering at a B.L.R.A. Fair and Fête held in Harrow on May 12th. A much bigger affair than we could manage on our own, but there was a ready response from the other Branches in the District. We made £12 towards the final total of £350.

We thought it time we had some publicity in THE LOG as we celebrate our 25th birthday next month!



WOMEN and

IT was just ten years since we last met—Alice Welford, South-Area secretary, and I. So much had happened during that decade and we talked of so many things—the forty years of Toc H Women's Association—the "then and now" theme, and then THE LOG came into the discussion.

My opinion was invited about THE LOG and its contents. We agreed as to its excellence in so far as its spiritual content, jobs, finance and overseas news all had such good coverage but then I was rash enough to state my disappointment that there seemed to be little reference to some great issues—particularly the position of Trades Unions in modern society.

I asked "How many Branches of Toc H Women's Association discuss management and labour relations and how many invite speakers on the subject?" adding that my own experience was that such evenings are very rare in Toc H.

Having thus laid myself right open, Alice Welford said "Will you do an article for THE LOG on the subject?" and I had to accept the challenge.

WITH some thirty-six years of membership in Toc H, I insist that members generally are not very interested in trade union matters; in my experience, they show considerable antipathy when the subject is mooted.

Almost daily we learn of fresh industrial trouble—strikes, threatened chaos, indeed there are fears for the country's economy if matters do not improve.

Despite this continuing atmosphere, few Toc H members seem to feel the real urgency of the situation.

Is it not relevant to the Compass Point which requires us to *think fairly* and which says that Branches are pledged to "study the problems of the community round them"? Certainly trades unionism has plenty of problems.

Too many eligible people stay out of the unions because of misunderstanding or indeed prejudice.

TRADES UNIONS

TED INGLIS wonders what women have to say about a subject like this—and wonders why they don't say it in THE LOG

I am more concerned with the Toc H members, men or women, who are members of trades unions yet do little except pay their dues. Decisions made originally in branches of Unions can have vital effect on national matters and, although I am an Anglican, I am glad to quote Roman Catholic Cardinal Godfrey—Archbishop of Westminster—who said, as reported in the *News Chronicle* of May 4th, 1959, "Irresponsible absence from such (trades union) meetings is blameworthy in the highest degree" . . . and later in his talk stressed that industrial peace could not come while employers and employees were looked upon as armies at war.

Surely, therefore, Toc H should, indeed must, treat these things as urgent, yet still too few understand the real purpose of trades unions or the importance of the Trades Union Congress which is consulted by Governments of whatever colour . . . so many of our members are just apathetic and must be urged to "think on these things".

Many talk of the insidious methods of the Communists, yet the power to use Unions as they were intended rests in the hands of ordinary members, the great majority of whom are so shockingly indifferent.

To conclude I must say that I cannot regret raising all this for discussion in THE LOG . . . the urgency of the matter causes me to express the fervent hope that Toc H—men and women—will do all that is possible by study and where possible by being active in helping to bring about the so needed improvements in management and labour relations.

The November-December LOG of last year included these words . . . "You have the 'voice', this LOG, which is already heard by thousands of women" . . . need I say more?

HERE IS AN ARTICLE ON ONE OF "THE BURNING
SOCIAL QUESTIONS OF THE DAY" FOR WHICH ONE
BRANCH ASKED. ANY COMMENT?

NOTES and NEWS

HEREFORD: We have for several years, reports Margaret Atkins, picked wild daffodils which one of our members takes to another Branch in Birmingham and they distribute them to Old Age Pensioners in their area.

BARRY: On June 27th, writes R. Pitman, this Branch, for the second year in succession, had the pleasure of entertaining 15 patients from "Cheshire Homes, Cheltenham," with organizers and helpers, to tea on Barry Island. We served tea in St. John's Methodist Hall. Each patient received a stick of rock and ice-cream was provided all round. We were pleased to welcome also eight patients from the newly opened branch of "Cheshire Homes," at Rhady, in our area.

DOWNEND: On April 11th, Marjorie Davis, Regional Secretary, presented the Lamp to us. Mrs. Grace Preddy, Chairman, received the Lamp on behalf of the Branch. There were about 23 people present, 16 of whom were initiated. Miss Davis then gave a short talk on the Lamp and some of the aims and ideals of Toc H.

LEOMINSTER: Marjorie Davis presented us with our Lamp, writes Hazel Hodges, on 22nd May. Over 100 people attended and it was generally agreed that she put over Toc H well. Four Builders enrolled that same night.

MORECAMBE. reports Ethel Satterthwaite, feels it is time we gave you news of our activities. The members have adopted as "nephew" a small boy whose father died when the child was only a few weeks old. He was sent presents at Christmas, and again on his birthday. Considerable help has been given to Toc H men. They were helped at their Spring Fair, Jumble Sales, collecting on their "flag" day, when more than £113 was collected for Toc H Headquarters, at their parties for the Mentally Handicapped children and for the local Blind, also to raise funds for new heaters in the room. 27½% of Morecambe's population are old-age pensioners and many of them live alone. To raise funds



Daffodils from Hereford

*Photograph by courtesy
of Berrow's Newspapers*

for meals to the homebound, run by the local W.V.S., we have held two tea showers for the "Meals on Wheels" service, which realized £38. The annual Sale of Work for Toc H funds was a great success, socially and financially. As a result we were able to send £30 to Headquarters. The annual dinner held at the Kings Arms Hotel was a happy occasion, as was the Area Weekend held at the Headway Hotel. At Christmas bags of fresh fruit were sent to old people living alone, along with their Christmas dinner provided by W.V.S. 84 patients, in the hospital where regular visits are made, were given sweets and handkerchiefs, presents were taken to the girls in the Ockenden Home at Ambleside, and donations given to three local hospitals and to the Moral Welfare Association. Easter eggs were taken to the old ladies in a local hospital. Though most of them are bedfast, they remain cheerful, so that it is a pleasure to visit them. Our members read *The Log* with interest, and wish it every success.

RUSHDEN: In 1941 an evacuated school teacher, Olive Ludovic Ellis, a member of Lewisham L.W.H., called a meeting of interested women, and the first meetings of Rushden Branch were held in her landlady's sitting room.

Twenty-one years later the anniversary date fell on a Saturday so that the present 24 members could really go to town with their celebrations. Plans were first laid in July 1961 for a Thanksgiving Service, Birthday Tea and Festival Evening. On March 17th, 1962, we welcomed our guests from Men's and Women's Branches throughout Northants and part of Bedfordshire and Leicestershire. The Thanksgiving Service held in the Baptist Church was conducted by our Padre, the Rev. G. Muir; the address given by the Rev. G. Bellamy (one-time Padre of our Branch and now in Lincolnshire); the lesson read by Mr. Ken Gibbard a member of Rushden Men's Branch; and our organist was Mr. Cyril Cave.

After the Service we went over to the School Hall for tea, at which our Chairman, Margaret Lawrence, welcomed the Chairman of the Rushden U.D.C., Mr. C. Faulkner, and Mrs. Faulkner.

We were delighted that Miss Erica Trevelyan Lee was able to visit her old territory and take the Chair for our evening festivities. Roll Call and then Light was taken by Vera Thornton (a Founder Member). Our Birthday Speaker was Ruby Relf, M.B.E., who was meeting for the first time many of the members in her new Region.

**ANYTHING WORTHWHILE
TO REPORT? KEEP IT
SHORT; SEND IT ALONG!**

WEYBRIDGE: As we have now got our new Branch Meeting Place, writes Margaret Coulthard, with the grand-sounding name of "The Hut" we thought it a good opportunity to write to The Log and let our Toc H friends know how we are getting along—in particular we would send our remembrances to those members and friends we met two years ago at Oberammergau.

The realization of our very own meeting place is due to the instigation of our Men's Branch who acquired a small piece of land at the back of the High Street, and they have also gone into the legal mysteries of so acquiring it. We pay them a small rent, and as there is water and electric light will have to pay our share. To this end we had an Autumn Fair last year and raised over £80 and have had various small Bring and Buy Sales.

The membership of the Branch has risen from 13 to 17 and we continue to be active in the neighbourhood. Three members are in the Red Cross, two on the local B.L.R.A. Committee and recently helped to organize a Spring Market which netted over £80. We have adopted a little leper boy. Help has been given for



Frances Fowler, Area Secretary, presenting the Lamp of Friendship I Branch, Peterborough. Receiving it on behalf of the Branch is Miss Janet Chapman, Chairman

various flag days, old folk and baby-sitting. We organized and helped with the catering for the annual dinner and entertainment given to local old folk by our Men's Branch. Two of our members have joined the Civil Defence, one is a full-time Welfare Worker with the Blind and another does great work with Handicapped Guides. Last Christmas we distributed parcels to local families and toys to 27 children. We would like to record the work done by one of our Builders aged 80 who consistently, since the Branch started, has collected 1d. a week from members for birthday cards and a little birthday remembrance gift for the old folk at a local Old People's Home. We really need some more members!

MAIDSTONE: Phyllis Parslow reports, I am a Committee Member of the United Nations Maidstone Branch and Toc H Women always assist at their fund-raising efforts. We were in evidence at their last Jumble Sale and are again working with them at the Coffee Morning to be held in July. It was with a large party from the United Nations, their friends from many countries and other organizations, that some of the Toc H Women's Association Branch members were shown round the Palace of Westminster by the Member of Parliament for Maidstone, Mr. John Wells.

STREATHAM: In this Branch, writes Marjorie Rorke, among our 61 Builders we are delighted to have 41 patients of the British Home for Incurables who take a great interest in our Branch and support us by their prayers, joining with us in the Michaelmas Day prayer rota and also playing their part in the yearly World Chain of Light. We have afternoon meetings for them at intervals during the year, with speakers, and at the last meeting, we had colour transparencies shown by a friend, of the Rocky Mountain scenery. At this meeting, Light was taken by Miss Bullock who, that week, had celebrated her 90th birthday. Ages are not given or asked for on Builder application forms but we feel there can be few Branches with such a wealth of years in one person! Miss Bullock is always busy and by her painting of bookmarks, shopping lists, note pads, has sent almost £200 to the Mission to Lepers over the years. For her 90th birthday gift she asked a penny from friends and fellow patients to send yet another donation to the Mission to Lepers and it speaks much for her popularity that many of the "pennies" must have been silver ones as she sent almost £10. We have had a talk from the Guide Dog for the Blind Association when their blind representative brought his dog Sherry. It is our endeavour to try to take these Builders out of the Home in spirit if not in fact, although each year at the Grass Theatre in Streatham Common Rookery Garden, outdoor entertainments are given, and on each of the five Summer Saturdays a procession of wheel chairs may be seen, wending its way across to the Common, manned by Toc H and their friends.

A PRAYER FOR Michaelmas

(Inspired by Coventry's St. Michael, A.B.S.M.'s article in the July Log and words of wisdom from A.M.W.)

"Always have faith and never be afraid"—

**On this St. Michael's Day
May we set out courageously
All evil things to slay.**

**May we subdue our pompous pride,
Each jealous, selfish and bad-tempered way
The harmful, thoughtless, unkind things we do,
The hurtful acts which happen day by day.**

**Let us stride over our mistakes,
Tread down the prejudice of class and race,
Strike out at evil with the spear of faith,
And thank God for His everlasting Grace.**

JOYCE LUNNISS

a winner

AT a recent Meeting held in Exeter, in connection with the June Dairy Festival, attended by representatives of most of the Women's Organizations in the City, there was a Slogan Competition. This was won by a member of Exeter Branch, who received a cheque for £5 on behalf of the Branch. The Winning Slogan was "Fruit and Cream, the Perfect Team". As well as the cheque, four members who were there to represent Toc H W.A. each received $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Devonshire Clotted Cream.

S. E. VASEY

"Toc H Night"

FOR each of three weeks this night falls on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday respectively. In the fourth week you will find the men members of the Branch making contacts in pubs or elsewhere, and the women members meeting in each other's homes, unless they are out on a job of service together—for instance, entertaining the handicapped at a holiday home.

WHY vary the night? Because MARSKE Joint Unit want Toc H to be spread to as many as possible, and, to fit in with local conditions and shift work, they have been wise enough to make their meeting night flexible. They also know that to be true to their commission Toc H members must get out and *meet people on their own ground!*

THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN was enthusiastically recommended to Toc H Women's Association for their support by the Central Council held in London in April 1962. In the United Kingdom this five-year campaign was officially launched by its Patron, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, at a meeting in the Festival Hall on June 27th. Much preparation in planning the work and publicity had already taken place since the United Kingdom Committee was formed in June 1961.

THE AIMS of this world-wide campaign are to remove the root causes of hunger through education and planning, especially of those living in famine areas where good farming is the prime necessity.

WE CAN HELP first by educating ourselves about this problem and then by stimulating the interest of others. We should support Civic Committees or press for their formation where they are non-existent. We can work through Inter-Church Aid groups in our locality, and Inter-Church Aid have already set out their programme. (See the article in the June Log.)

Books recommended are: The World Must Eat (fairly technical) price 2/-; Hunger price 2/-.

These should be obtainable from Inter-Church Aid, 10 Eaton Gate, London, S.W.1, or local groups.

JAN SHEPPARD

Photograph: World Health Organization





OVERSEAS

By ELISABETH WORTH
Overseas Secretary

SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE Branch accompanied a generous contribution towards central funds with an interesting first report, covering activities since its formation in March 1961. Eight members have been initiated, three have returned to the U.K. At present there are eleven members, two probationers and various people who help with jobs. These included picnics and other activities with handicapped children, the gift of a wheel chair, a Chinese New Year Party and the making of toys and scrap books.

The AUSTRALIAN Annual Report shows vitality and underlines the essential groundwork of sponsorship, both of individuals and of new Branches, of which they have a satisfactory total for this past year or so. If more would accept this responsibility, the report says, through it rediscovering Toc H, their extension programme could be even more widespread. Only the new Branches appear to have a supply of probationers—the older ones seem unable to attract them. Something wrong there? Only one State has had Training Days. There are approximately four hundred members and fifty probationers.

With regard to programmes, "Branches with planned programmes and especially those with a Theme for the year have something for the members and probationers, and also a better opportunity to retain the interest of the visitor. There must be a mixture in our programmes of the grave and gay, but if there is no sense of purpose and jobs calling for a little imagination, busy people will find nothing particularly to attract them to Toc H. Surely the test must be whether we are offering something which recognises the ideals of Toc H and not just an evening programme which could have been sponsored by any club."

Australia is experimenting with joint units and there is greater co-operation between Toc H and the Women's Association Branches in many places, sharing not only meeting rooms, but service to the community, with some combined meetings. How refreshing it would be if one could hear of their thinking and studying together as well, and not in Australia only.

**GOOD SNAPSHOTS, YOUR OWN
COPYRIGHT, MAKE GOOD ILLUS-
TRATIONS FOR "THE LOG" . . .
ANY COMING UP?**

There have been some landmarks during the 40th anniversary year. A Travelling Pool for fares has been established so that it should be possible for every State to be represented by its councillor in person at future Council meetings.

The **EARLEY** Branch has corresponded for some time with the one in **KAMPALA, UGANDA**, so that an especially warm welcome awaited Margaret Wampande who came from there to a nursing course in Reading recently. A probationer met her, another invited her home for her first Sunday—and took her to Windsor where by chance she saw members of the Royal Family. Margaret has been to Branch meetings and has been introduced to a lively Church youth group. The result of all this is that her Matron has written to ask the Branch to befriend two young Malays who are also new arrivals. "If this goes on we shall have to look for a larger room," I am told.

An **ESSEX** member and one in **BIDEFORD** both write of the pleasure they had in inviting overseas nurses to spend holidays in their homes in June. One wrote "we took her out a bit as she thought that England was 'all houses'!"

We now have a member living in **JAPAN**, the first one there for many years. She and her husband, from Hertfordshire, teach English conversation in a boys' school, a Christian one, part of Rikkyo University, which was founded in 1874 by an American missionary. The students seem happy, laughing boys, a small percentage of them Christian, the rest Buddhist or Shintoist, or just nothing at all. They have psychological problems unknown to the average English student. Their country underwent a startling change after the war as regards their traditional religions and moral customs, developing too from an almost feudal society to a modern industrial one with incredible speed. Margaret and her husband are both busy with voluntary work in hospitals and elsewhere. She says that everybody is keen to learn English because it is the passport to a job. "What I call my 'Toc H' job is teaching a small group of teenagers in a leprosarium. The attitude to leprosy is that of Bible times and the unfortunate patients are ignored by their relatives. The traditional Japanese way of life has been based on the family system where the family is lovingly cared for from childhood to old age, but there has been no sense of responsibility for one's fellows outside the family as in a Christian community."

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present, as were representatives of various organizations in the town, Builders and past members. Altogether about 120 people joined in the Celebration.

After the service, tea was served, following which the Rev. Peter Raban, Vicar of Pennington, spoke of his days as an area secretary of Toc H before he entered the Ministry.

NETHERTON: Cissie Kilvert sends a photograph, taken by the husband of one of our members at a gala held in Dudley Zoo on Saturday, June 30th, in which we took part. We raised approximately £40 and hope to be able to provide some sort of equipment, on which we shall have our name inscribed to commemorate our 40th Birthday, to be given to the Cheshire Homes. We have one close to us at Penn, Wolverhampton, and our idea is to have a seat installed in the grounds. Failing that, it will be some sort of equipment for use inside the home.

READING: In celebration of the 40th Birthday, Reading District held a May Fayre at Caversham Court on Saturday, May 26th. This was opened by The Mayor of Reading and we were also very pleased to welcome Jean Perry.

The Mayor, in the photograph I am sending, is wearing an apron he bought at one of the stalls. We raised £130 towards the Caravan which the Oxford and Thames Valley Area propose

Reading: May Fayre

*Photograph by courtesy
of C. E. May and Son*





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Herts. and Beds. Rally

to buy to provide holiday accommodation for handicapped children. After the Fayre a re-dedication Service was held in St. Peter's Church.

RYE: Joan M. Page reports, on Wednesday, 4th July at 7.30 p.m. about 25 of us, members of Rye, Mount Pleasant and Hastings Branches and several friends, went to Rye Parish Church for a service of Re-dedication on the occasion of the 40th Birthday of Toc H W.A. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. R. Jacobs, Vicar of Brookland, Kent, and a Toc H man. After the service, we went to our meeting room for a Bring and Buy Sale and raised £1 16s. for the 40th Birthday Fund. The evening concluded with Light.

SCOTTISH AREA held their area weekend, reports Betty MacDonald, in Scottish Churches' House, Dunblane, on 19th/20th May. As this is our 40th Anniversary year our programme took a different form from usual. We had a Branch Programme Competition, judged by our Area Minutes Reader, Mrs. Bruce Thurlow of Woodford Branch, the first prize going to Aberdeen, the second to Paisley and the third to Edinburgh's newly formed Group. Frances Beeton gave us some interesting facts and figures on Toc H W.A. in Scotland and, after Supper, Glasgow Branch provided some light entertainment. We also had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Christie of Tillicoultry give a Scots reading.

On Sunday morning Dr. Fraser (Warden of Scottish Churches'

House) led our Service assisted by Aberdeen Branch, when we used the Order of Service Leaflet. Later in the morning we had an inspiring talk from Anne Mackenzie, our Area Chairman, on "Toc H is the members' Movement" in which she placed the onus for the well-being of our Branches and the extension of Toc H on the shoulders of each and every Branch member.

Reg Stewart, the men's Area Secretary in Scotland, and Bob Livingston, Chairman of the men's Area Executive, joined us for lunch; in the afternoon Reg gave an instructive talk on the organization of the men's side in Scotland and this was followed by a Brains Trust, the Panel consisting of Frances Beeton, Reg Stewart, Bob Livingston and Agnes Bruce (Aberdeen).

SOUTH WESSEX DISTRICT 40th Birthday Rally on 6th October, 1962 (2.30 to 6 p.m.) is to be, reports Joyce Lunness, at the Popular Restaurant, the Pavilion, Bournemouth. Our principal speaker will be Elisabeth Worth on "Round the World in 40 Years". Light and Homegoing prayers will be taken by Miss Macfie, and Miss M. Fowler has agreed to act as Rally Chairman. After the tea interval these three with our Regional Secretary, Miss Alice Welford, and the Schools' Secretary, Miss Christina Lee, have been asked to form an "Any Questions" panel to answer queries on Toc H topics. Members and friends from other Districts will be welcome. Tickets (applications by 1st October) price 4/6 (including tea) are obtainable from the District Chairman, Miss J. Rankin, 40 Brassey Road, Winton, Bournemouth, or from the Rally Secretary, Miss J. Lunness, "Lamorna", Stapehill, nr. Wimborne, Dorset.

SPALDING: Eileen Vellam sends a snapshot, p. 149, taken during the Tulip Festival in Lincolnshire, and reports, the mosaic was the work of the local Parks Superintendent and was made with the heads of tulips. It had quite a prominent position in front of our new Town Hall and must have been seen by many thousands of the 175,000 people in the town for the Festival. The Lamp was in yellow with an orange flame and the lettering in dark red and white.

TONBRIDGE's reports Nan Watts, three Branches held a Thanksgiving and Re-dedication Service at St. Eanswythe's Mission Hall in Tonbridge and the Bishop of Tonbridge gave the address.

WEST MIDLANDS AREA: B. M. Pugh says, we feel we are so honoured in being given permission to hold our 40th Birthday Service of Thanksgiving and Re-dedication in Coventry Cathedral that we want as many people to know about it and to join us if they wish. (It is at 3 p.m. on October 20th, 1962, and tickets are to be had from Miss B. M. Pugh, 407 Ragley Road, Birmingham, 17.)

YEovil: Betty Dean reports, we held a Guest Night to celebrate the 40th Birthday of Toc H Women's Association. This was in the Vicarage Street Methodist Hall, Yeovil, and Crewkerne and

Sherborne Branches teamed up with us for the occasion. The whole purpose of the operation was to answer, especially for the benefit of the guests, the question "What is Toc H?" Mrs. H. M. Palmer spoke about Toc H; Mr. H. C. Tilzey showed the film "A Lamp Burns" and Sherborne, Crewkerne and Yeovil Branch Chairmen talked about the jobs they were doing to give a picture of the work of Toc H Women's Association. It is the first time we have made an effort to publicise any gathering we have had and it promoted much interest among the women's organisations invited. I remember attending a meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee of Women's Organizations in the Town, which includes Toc H, and was telling them about our Uncommon Market we were holding last October, and one woman said she had always regarded Toc H more or less as a closed shop and secret society sort of thing. I hope we have dispelled this idea. **MIDDLETON**, Felpham, Bognor and Aldwick joined together for a Service on July 1st at St. John's Church, Bognor Regis, for our 40th Birthday celebrations, writes Marjorie West. Dr. Sinclair Snow, Vicar of Bognor, took the first half of the Service. Mr. W. Lorys, M.P., read the lesson, and the Rev. C. G. Wells, Vicar of South Bearsted and our men's Padre, gave an inspiring address and continued the Service. About 75 people attended and our Branch entertained go to tea afterwards.

Dudley Zoo : Netherton Gala



By **JEAN PERRY**

Anonymous Contributions of £5 and 15/- for the Motor Caravan Fund are acknowledged with many thanks.

Many gifts were received for the Stall on Tower Hill, and our warmest thanks to all who have supported this effort.

Rushden Royal Branch at their A.G.M. had 2 candidates for every office—and 3 for Vice-Chairman. Bravo!

Several Staff and Members have been helping the "Freedom From Hunger" Campaign by stewarding at the St. Martin's Exhibition in July.

*Announcing the arrival of the latest
addition to the Family . . .*

Date of Birth	August, 1962.
Height	8ft. 4ins.
Width	6ft. 6ins.
Length	15ft. 4ins.
Colour	Blue (Two shades)
Name	Martha
Christening	Thursday, 27th September, 1962 Thursday's Child Has Far To Go!
Address	Anywhere in the British Isles where she can serve in a good cause.
1st Steps	"Operation Landlady"

L A U G H T E R

JEAN PERRY ASKED FOR "FUNNY
STORIES" . . . THIS IS WHAT CAME IN.
IDEAS OF HUMOUR VARY—DO THESE
MAKE YOU LAUGH? MORE, PLEASE!

On page 107 of the July-August LOG we are told that Padre A. W. Hooper urged an audience of Toc H Women's Association members to become "Fishers of Men". I am wondering whether our Branches would be wise to accept this advice!

CONSTANCE PRIDEAUX-BRUNE

I was wearing my Builders' badge at a restaurant and a jolly-looking parson came and sat opposite me. We had a friendly chat and I noticed what seemed to be a similar badge in his lapel, so I said "Are you a Builder?" He replied, "No I am the Vicar of T . . .".

B. MARY DROGON

Scene: A seven-year-old classroom Christmas 1961. A group of children, before school, discussing presents with their teacher. *Boy-twin from poor home.* (Confidingly and hopefully). "Mrs. Marshall, we're not quite sure but we think we might be having a Budgie".

Later-Arrival, bustling in, oozing confidence and prosperity (knows previous remark concerns Christmas but unaware that it relates to presents). "A Budgie?—Cor! that isn't mooch—we're having a turkey!"

Moral for members!—Do we always listen to everyman's story before expressing our own views?

"LOCKIE"

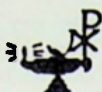
In common with many others, a friend of mine had lost her window cleaner. Seeing one operating around the corner, she dashed out, to see if he would oblige. "Sorry Madam", came the reply, "we have the same difficulty, these are my own windows". Was her face red?

R. PITMAN

THE WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT

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“WE WILL REMEMBER”



DOREEN PACKHAM—*Isle of Wight*. 8.9.37—22.4.62
ELIZABETH THOM—*Builder (Reigate)*. 22.3.60—22.5.62
DORIS TURNER—*Wolverhampton*. 22.4.10—26.5.62
EDYTHA FRENCH—*Barton-on-Humber*. 28.11.19—26.5.62
FRANCES THOMPSON—*Barton-on-Humber*.
23.11.54—22.5.62
E. MARTIN—*Builder (Countess Wear)*. 1.12.58—3.62
L. ANSTEY—*Builder (Countess Wear)*. 1.12.58—5.62
E. HAIME—*Builder (Weybridge)*. —.10.58—6.6.62.
THOMAS DAY—*Builder (Richmond)*. 16.1.61—5.62
DOROTHY STOKES—*Folkestone*. —.3.26—6.62
LAURA WOOD—*Bedford*. 31.5.57—18.4.62
MAY ROBERTS—*Wrexham*. 3.5.57—18.4.62
F. HEYWOOD—*Preston*. 16.9.29—6.62
EVELYN HANDSLIP—*Ilford*. 20.11.61—16.6.62
FANNY HAMMOND—*R.H.H.I.* 23.1.52—8.7.62
HELEN WILLIAMS—*Broadwater*. 27.6.55—24.6.62
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From the MINISTRY OF HEALTH

IMMUNIZATION AGAINST FIVE DISEASES URGED ON PARENTS

A marked and early improvement in the standards of immunity of children to diphtheria, polio, smallpox, tetanus and whooping cough was urged by Mr. Enoch Powell, Minister of Health, when he addressed the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health recently. He said that he did not mean a crash programme of immunization against any one disease but a comprehensive and planned programme of immunization and vaccination in every part of the country. Protection should be given to every child in the country who needs it, and the programme must give the maximum protection from early infancy throughout the school years—with reinforcing doses as necessary—to adolescence and beyond.

To bring to the notice of parents the protective power of the immunization of children against the five diseases, the Ministry of Health has now issued a new poster and new leaflet.

It is emphasized that all these diseases can kill or cripple for life and that all are infectious. No parent would wish to neglect the opportunity to have his or her child immunized against them. Parents should consult their family doctor, local health department or clinic on what is best for their child.

INFORMATION ABOVE IS INCLUDED BECAUSE WE BELIEVE MEMBERS OFTEN DO "JOBS" IN CONNECTION WITH HEALTH AND MAY LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE MINISTRY FEELS

—EDITOR.

FAMILY PLANNING: Those who have no idea of the scope of the Family Planning Association—64 Sloane Street, London, S.W.1—might like to ask them for a copy of their 31st Annual Report which reflects the width of the Association's interest in life.

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR.

I sometimes wonder whether Branch office-bearers—and for that matter, District and Area office-bearers—take full advantage of the many helpful booklets issued by our Association. I was amazed when a Branch Secretary recently told me that she had never seen the booklet *Leadership*. (She has one now!) To me, this booklet is absolutely invaluable as it sets out clearly and concisely what office-bearing entails; one realizes, of course, that a good office-bearer will develop and enlarge on the main outlines in the way best suited to her Branch, District Team or Area Council, but as a book of reference, *Leadership* is first class.

Membership is an excellent guide for sponsors, setting out in clear terms and in suitable sections the various parts of Toc H which should be explained to probationers. *The Family Purse* helps to explain our financial set-up, what is expected of us, how the money is employed, why we have to submit balance sheets annually, etc. *The Branch and Area Councils and District Teams* are also extremely useful.

I refer so often to one or other of these booklets that, to me, it is inconceivable that anyone holding office in Toc H W.A. should be without them.

BETTY MACDONALD
(Scottish Area Council)

DEAR EDITOR.

I am surprised that so little is known about the Family Coach. It was one of the first things in Toc H that captured my interest, and particularly the picture of a stage coach and, beneath, the trip to be made that month.

I think that the whole idea was a brief exchange of ideas between two Branches, not the formation of a pen friendship. For in time, in this way, contact would be made with more and more Branches.

BETTY MARTIN
(Poole)

DEAR EDITOR.

May I, through THE LOG, thank all those concerned in the organizing of the two weeks' holiday at Talbot House, Poperinge, 18th June to 2nd July, and for the wonderful time the two members of Sudbury, Suffolk, Branch, had during the second week?

We went with some mixed feeling when we knew we would be the only "Southerners" among the party, and wondered if we would mix, but we had no doubts when we first met the party at Victoria Station.

We have come back to Sudbury, with renewed vigour for more hard work, all the more "spurred on" by the memory of the wonderful spirit that prevailed at Poperinge. The Padre was a real inspiration, together with the Warden, and I think most of us felt very sorry when the last day arrived.

Very grateful thanks to Francis Beeton (through whom I first knew of this Poperinge venture at Dinton last year) for all the hard work she must have put in to arrange this marvellous holiday.

D. M. MULLEY

DEAR EDITOR,

Can any member give us the origin of the saying "As dim as a Toc H Lamp"? Several of our members heard it through the Services in the last war and it was repeated recently in a television play. Some of our older members had not heard of it and are disturbed as to its meaning. For us in Toc H the Flame of the Lamp carries its reflection on to the gathered members so that we may reflect that Undying Light into the Everyday World.

RENEE BREWER
(Cardiff)

DEAR EDITOR,

If you have space, I should be grateful if you would accept this note to thank sincerely all my many Toc H friends and Branches for the lovely flowers and especially for their prayers and good wishes during my two serious operations at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol. I should be grateful if they will continue to remember me to help with the courage and patience I need for many months to come.

MARJORIE M. CAWSEY
(Cornwall)

DEAR EDITOR,

As we all know, this year brought us a new challenge, the call to help with the Campaign against Hunger. "What can we do?", most of us may think. Please don't despair—have you ever thought how much we could contribute to this task. Imagine we would forego that "cup of tea" and possibly the biscuits too, one evening per month per Branch, and instead just collect the money thus saved to help to feed many who are really in need.

TEDDY ARNOLD
(Lyndhurst)

"PATSY" HEYWOOD

Preston Branch Pilot

MRS. HEYWOOD, "Patsy" to all members of the North-West, died on June 18th and she served the Movement faithfully for many years. A founder member of Preston Branch she held many offices in the Area including those of Area Treasurer, District Pilot and Branch Pilot. "Patsy" had a great love for Toc H and gave freely of her time and material resources to further its growth. Her interest was very deep and she attended every Area Weekend, the last only a few months before her death. We will remember her with gratitude.

"PETH" DAVIDSON

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